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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Office
9 Sept 1913

My dear Visvesvaraya.

I send you the accompanying papers for perusal & kind return

I have asked Mr Rama Rao to

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D O No 232
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Office of the Inspector General of Education
in Mysore, Bangalore, 6th September 1913.

My dear Mr Nanjundayya,

With regard to your inquiry regarding the opening of Honors Courses in the Central and Maharaja's Colleges, I send herewith my Note on the subject circulated to Messrs Tait and Denham and their replies As I have mentioned in the Note, the saving in the scholarships now given, Rs 5400 annually will meet a large part of the extra expenditure Mr Tait wants no extra establishment for the opening of Honors Courses both in Physics and Chemistry He only wants a special grant of Rs 7500 for each of the two years 1914-15 and 1915-16 for Physics and for Chemistry about Rs 3000 for equipment Mr Denham wants in the first year an Assistant Professor and in the second year a Tutor, the two together costing between Rs 3600 and Rs 6000 per annum He also wants a Library Grant of Rs 2000 to purchase some more books he requires Thus the fixed expenditure will be Rs 20,000 in all and the recurring expenditure may, I think, be kept within the limits of the amount saved by withdrawing the existing Honors Scholarships

I shall make an official communication on the subject, if you want me to do so In my opinion, the Principals have a real grievance in not having Honors Courses in the two State

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B A HONORS COURSES IN THE CENTRAL AND MAHARAJA'S COLLEGES

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1 The two 1st grade English Colleges in the Mysore State provide for the teaching of only the B A Pass Course and six scholarships of Rs 25 each are awarded annually to those studying for Honors in the Colleges of Madras There are also two scholarships of Rs 20 each per mensem for two years for the Philosophy pass course awarded in the Madras Colleges

2 Of the Colleges affiliated to the Madras University only three have provided for the teaching of the Honours courses

(1) Presidency College Madras
Branches I IIA IIB , III IV, V VII and VIII

(2) Christian College Madras
I IIA III IV V and VII

(3) St Joseph's College Trichinopoly I IIA and V

While the Honors course extends over three years the pass course is only for two years The Pass students are required to undergo an examination both in English as well as in the optional group at the end of two years On the other hand the Honors students undergo a preliminary examination in English at the end of the first year and for the remaining two years study only the subjects of the optional group selected by them and undergo an examination in the subjects of that group at the end of the third year

3 We may begin with Honors courses from next year only in two subjects, Physics in the Central College and History in the Maharaja's College Both these Colleges have been well-equipped on a large scale

and I do not think that we need incur any additional cost for equipment Some addition to the staff however will be necessary In all the three Colleges where Honors courses exist at present Branches IIA and V are common For Branch IIA there are in the Presidency College 2 Professors and 3 Assistant Professors in the Christian College 1 Professor and 2 Lecturers and in the St Joseph's College, Trichinopoly 1 Professor and 1 Assistant Professor In the Central College where at present only the Pass Course is taught we have 1 Professor, ~~and~~ 2 Assistant Professors ~~and 1 Demonstrator~~ I think an additional Assistant Professor possessing high proficiency will be needed when the Honors course is started Then again for Branch V there are in

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the Presidency College 1 Professor and 2 Assistant Professors in the Christian College 1 Professor and in the St Joseph's College 2 Professors and two Assistant Professors In the Maharaja's College we have at present 2 Professors and One - - lecturer and with the starting of the Honors course an Assistant Professor may be added The Honors course includes all the subjects of the pass course and has some of its own but in the Honors Examination the students are expected to shew a higher standard of proficiency than in the Pass Examination Similarly the Honors Preliminary Examination in English is held only in a portion of the subjects prescribed for the Pass Examination and no separate class is needed for the Honors students for the teaching of English

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as they can be taught in combination with the Pass students

4 From what has been said above it can be easily seen that the cost will not be very much Two additional Assistant Professors are absolutely needed and their annual cost may be taken at about Rs 5 000 At present we offer six Honors - - - scholarships of Rs 25 annually for three years costing annually Rs 5400 With the opening of the Honors courses in Physics and in History in the Central and Maharaja's Colleges no scholarships need be offered for these subjects and it is also likely the demand for scholarships for studying other subjects in the Madras Colleges will diminish if it does not disappear A saving may therefore be expected in the scholarships to meet to some extent the extra cost

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Yours sincerely

Inspector General of

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D O Nos 218 and 219

Office of the Inspector General of Education
in Mysore, Bangalore, 29th August 1913

My dear Mr Denham,

Do Mr Tait,

I enclose a confidential Note for your kind perusal and opinion on the opening of Honors Courses in the Central and Maharaja's Colleges The note contains very modest proposals, so that they may be acceptable to Government and the cost may not stand in the way of making a beginning If you can kindly favour me with your views early, I shall submit the Note to Government for orders in time to apply for affiliation to the University from the next academical year

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) M Shama Rao

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D O

Maharaja's College,
Mysore, 2nd September 1913

Dear Mr Shama Rao,

With reference to your kind letter asking for my opinion on the proposed Honors Course in History, I think you will see from the following that the course could be introduced at a comparatively small cost - whereas the benefit would be very great

For the first year we should require either a Full Professor or an Assistant Professor - preferably a full Professor, either an Englishman with History Honors, or a First Class B A Indian with a Second Class M A A good Englishman is also desirable with a view to the Principalship In any case, we must have a good man capable of relieving Mr N S.Subba Rao and myself in the B A Pass work We ought not to seek relief from the small amount of work we do in the Intermediate Classes - for we are badly wanted there The Honors men in the First year would have to do a good deal of Library under direct supervision, Essay work, and also a few hours of special irstruction work

The Second Year's Course would necessitate the appointment of a good man, a @raduate, as Tutor

A special Library grant of about Rs 2000 would have to be given, in addition to the amount I am willing to spend of the

Rs 1000 remaining out of the Special Grant Our Political Science Section wants to be greatly strengthend - practically created And money must be spent on the books for the special subjects and a little must be given to Political Economy

According to my idea then the total expenses will work out something like as follows:-

1st year	1 Full Professor ---	Rs 500/-	1000/-
or	1 Asst Professor---	Rs 200/-	300/-
2nd year	1 Tutor ----------	Rs 100/-	200/-
3rd year	Nil. ----------	----------	
Library Grant	----------	Rs 2000/-	

I hope you will find this a modest estimate It is the minimum - but with it, I believe we could work the Honors Course very well I think that all Madras Scholarships should cease on the establishment of the Honors Course

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) Thos Denham

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D O No 141

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Central College,

Bangalore, 6th September 1913

Dear Mr Shama Rao,

With reference to your D O No 219, enclosing confidential note on the opening of Honors Courses, I beg to offer the following observations -

1 It is of the greatest importance in the Science Subjects that no one should be admitted to an Honors Course until he has taken the pass degree

2 If this is conceded, it will not be necessary to strengthen the staff either in Physics or in Chemistry A student who has gone through the pass course and shown sufficient aptitude for the subject he has chosen does not require lectures He requires supervision and guidance, but if he has the requisite capacity for an Honors Course he should be thrown on his own resources a good deal Mr Metcalfe and Mr Usher are agreed on this point

3 The statement in para 3 of your confidential memo, that the Central College has 1 Professor, "1 Assistant Professor" and 1 Demonstrator in Physics should be "2 Assistant Professors" Mr Metcalfe has gone into the question of equipment and recommends that a Special Grant of Rs 7500 for each of the two years 1914--15 and 1915-16 should be sanctioned

4 I think it would as well to apply for affiliation in Honors in Chemistry at the same time The sum required for equipment would be less than Rs 3000 It would be necessary to reject all

all but the very best students, as tested by their performance in the two years of the pass course, for each student would use chemicals to the value of Rs 300, the chemicals necessary for Honors work being very expensive An Honors Class in Chemistry would not be held in any particular year, if no candidate of sufficient ability presented himself

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) J G Tait

Principal

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